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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	: 09/652,714	Confirmation No.	: 3982
Applicant	: Vishnu K. Agarwal	Attorney Docket No.:	: 501082.10 (98-0616.09)
Filed	: August 31, 2000	Customer No.	: 27, 076
Art Unit	: 2815		
Examiner	: Jose R. Diaz		
Title	: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated April 25, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: